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located roundabout were taken into consideration and a decision was taken. Now, the present policy is to convert as many non-basic schools as possible into basic schools. In this connexion, this will also be considered."

Reinstatement of Workers of the Rice and Oil Mills, Perintalmanna

* 919 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state what action the Government have taken against the management of the Perintalmanna Rice and Oil Mills for not implementing the memorandum of settlement arrived at between the workers' representatives and the management on 13th September 1954 in the presence of the Labour Officer at Kozhikode?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" It is reported that the management of Perintalmanna Rice and Oil Mills, Perintalmanna, have implemented the memorandum of settlement."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, may I know whether the Government have received any representation from the workers' union that the management did not implement the memorandum of settlement, as a result of which the workers were forced to resort to Satyagraha before the factory and, if so, whether the Government have taken any action on it? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I may submit that the hon. Member need not be more zealous than the President of the Workers' Union himself who on 8th October 1954 wrote to the Labour Officer requesting him to drop the proceedings for breach of the settlement since the management had reinstated the workers in question."

' Q ' fever

* 920 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many cases of ' Q ' fever have occurred in the Madras State in the year 1953–54;

(*b*) whether the Government have directed research on the viruses causing this fever and if so, with what result; and

(*c*) what, if any, are the control measures taken by the Government to check the spread of this disease?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) A few cases of ' Q ' fever are known to have occurred in the Nilgiris and the Coimbatore districts. Information regarding the exact number of cases is not available.

(*b*) The District Medical Officers have been asked to be on the look-out for ' Q ' fever and to send the sera of suspicious cases to the Pasteur Institute at Coonoor for serological test.

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"(c) The Health staff in the Coimbatore and the Nilgiris districts have been asked to do propaganda on the use of boiled milk as the disease spreads through the consumption of the milk of infected cows, sheep and goats."

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR :—"Sir, may I know what is meant by 'Q' fever?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"Sir, 'Q' fever is characterized by fever, headache, muscular pain and lung affection."

SRI P. CHELLATHURAI :—"கால் உரை, மேல் உரை அணிபவர்களைத்தான் க்யூ என்று சொல்லப்படும் காய்ச்சல் அடிக்கடி பீடிக்கிறது என்பது உண்மைதானு?

"Sir, may I know whether it is a fact that this 'Q' fever generally attacks those who wear pants and coats?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"Sir, it has nothing to do with the clothes one wears. I am given to understand that infection comes from cows, sheep, goats and bandicoots, who appear to be the natural reservoirs of organism called richettsia which is something between bacteria and viruses."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—"Sir, may I know to what extent this 'Q' fever is caused by queues near cinemas and bus stands?"

SRI D. KRISHNAMURTHY GOUNDER :—"இந்தக் காய்ச்சலானது கிராமப் பகுதிகளில் அதிகமா, நகரப்பகுதிகளில் அதிகமா என்பதை கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொல்லமுடியுமா?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"Sir, so far only a few cases have been reported in the Nilgiris and Coimbatore districts."

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN :—"Sir, may I know whether this peculiar 'Q' fever comes under the classification of endemic or epidemic fever?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"Sir, it is not a common disease and it is rarely fatal. Convalescence is also rapid."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—"Sir, is it the first time that this fever makes its appearance in this State or was there any previous experience and if so, may I know whether any research work was conducted then?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"Sir, a survey was conducted by the Pasteur Institute, Coonoor, in the Nilgiris and Coimbatore districts in the year 1953 at the instance of the World Health Organization."

SRI P. G. MANICKAM :—"தற்போது 'க்யூ' என்னும் காய்ச்சல் கிராமப் புறங்களில் பரவியிருக்கின்றதா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்?"

MR. SPEAKER :—"The hon. Member wants to know whether this fever is prevalent in villages."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, it may occur wherever there are infected domestic animals and the use of boiled milk is a good preventive."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, the Hon. the Minister for Public Health was kind enough to say that this fever was prevalent in the Nilgiris and Coimbatore districts. May I know whether it is prevalent in other parts of the State also and as the people in the rural parts are not in the know of things about this peculiar disease, will the Hon. Minister be kind enough to educate the people on this ' Q ' fever, its symptoms and the measures to cure it? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, the Health Staff in the two districts where such cases have occurred, namely, the Nilgiris and Coimbatore districts, have been asked to do propaganda and to advise people to drink milk that has been boiled."

Rebate on the sale of handloom cloth

* 921 *Q*.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total amount allotted as rebate to buyers of handloom cloth:

(*b*) the total amount spent for rebates; and

(*c*) whether the rebate is allowed to the buyers from co-operative societies?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The Government of India have allotted a sum of Rs. 33,10,000 for the payment of rebate to the purchasers of handloom cloth.

" (*b*) A sum of Rs. 7,41,721 has been spent up to 31st October 1954.

" (*c*) Rebate is allowed to buyers from Weavers' Co-operative Societies, Consumers' Co-operative Stores and Fair Price Shops run by private dealers."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" தனிப்பட்ட வியாபாரிகளிடம் ஏராளமான துணிகள் விற்காமல் தேங்கிக் கிடக்கின்றன. ஆகவே, தனிப்பட்ட வியாபாரிகளும் அதிகப்படியான ரிபேட் கொடுப்பதற்கு உதவியாக செஸ் நிதியிலிருந்து பணம் ஒதுக்கப்படுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" இப்பொழுது ரூபாய்க்கு ஒன்றரையணு ரிபேட் கொடுக்கப்பட்டு வருகிறது. அதை அதிகப்படுத்தவேண்டும் என்றுதான் கனம் அங்கத்தினர் கோருகிறார் என்று நான் நினைக்கிறேன். அதைப்பற்றி யோசிக்கலாம்."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" மத்திய சர்க்கார் நமக்குக் கொடுத்த 33 ஆயிரம் ரூபாயில் 7 ஆயிரம் ரூபாய்தான் செலவழிந்திருக்கிறது என்றால் போதிய அளவு கைத்தறித் துணி விற்பனை ஆகாமல் இருக்கிறது என்று அர்த்தம். கூட்டுறவு சங்கங்கள் மூலமாக விற்கப்படும் கைத்தறித் துணிக்கு ரூபாய்க்கு ஒன்றரையணுதான் ரிபேட் கொடுக்கப்படுகிறது. ஒன்றரையணு